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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

BLACKROCK, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

SCHRODERS PLC,

Defendant.

07 CV 3183

**MOTION FOR ADMISSION
*PRO HAC VICE***

PURSUANT TO LOCAL RULE 1.3(c) of this Court, Defendant Schroders plc, by undersigned counsel, hereby moves this Court for an Order allowing the admission *pro hac vice* of:

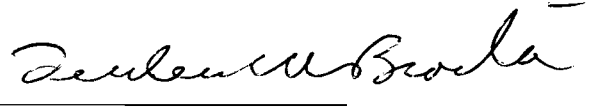
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Ms. Kearns is a member in good standing of the Bar of the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia. There are no pending disciplinary proceedings against Ms. Kearns in any State or Federal court.

Dated: New York, New York
April 26, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

PILLSBURY WINTHROP
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By: 

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**DECLARATION OF
FREDERICK A. BRODIE
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR
ADMISSION *PRO HAC VICE***

I, Frederick A. Brodie, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, declare the following:

1. I am a member in good standing of the Bar of this Court and a partner in the law firm of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, which will be counsel to Defendant Schroders plc in the above-captioned action. I am familiar with the proceedings in this case. I make this statement based on my personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein and in support of Defendant's motion to admit Christine N. Kearns as counsel *pro hac vice* to represent Defendant in this matter.

2. Ms. Kearns' credentials are set forth in the affidavit attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

3. I have known Ms. Kearns for two years and have found her to be a skilled attorney and a person of integrity. She is experienced in Federal practice and is familiar with the Federal Rules of Procedure.

4. Upon her admission *pro hac vice*, Ms. Kearns will serve as counsel for Defendant.

5. For the foregoing reasons, Defendant respectfully requests that this motion be granted. Attached hereto as Exhibit 2 is a proposed order granting the admission of Ms. Kearns, *pro hac vice*.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on April 26, 2007
New York, New York



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**AFFIDAVIT OF
CHRISTINE N. KEARNS**

CITY OF WASHINGTON)
)
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA) ss.:

CHRISTINE N. KEARNS, being duly sworn, hereby deposes and says:

1. I am a partner in the law firm of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, resident in the firm's District of Columbia office. We represent Defendant Schroders plc in connection with the above-captioned action.

2. I submit this affidavit in support of Defendant's motion for my admission *pro hac vice*.

3. I have managed substantially all United States litigation for Schroders plc and its United States subsidiaries during the past five years, and believe that my background with and knowledge of the Defendant is an important component of the firm's representation of the Defendant in this case.

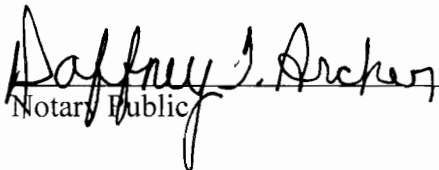
4. As shown in the certificates of good standing attached hereto as Exhibit A, I am admitted to practice in the District of Columbia and the State of Maryland.

5. There are no pending disciplinary proceedings against me in any state or federal court.

6. Wherefore, your affiant respectfully submits that she be permitted to appear as counsel or advocate *pro hac vice* in this one case.


CHRISTINE N. KEARNS

Sworn to before me
this 1st day of May 2007


Notary Public

Daffney J. Archer
Notary Public, District of Columbia
My Commission Expires 01/02/2011

**United States District Court
for the District of Columbia
CLERK'S OFFICE
333 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001**

I, **NANCY M. MAYER-WHITTINGTON**, Clerk of the United States
District Court for the District of Columbia, do hereby certify that:

CHRISTINE N. KEARNS

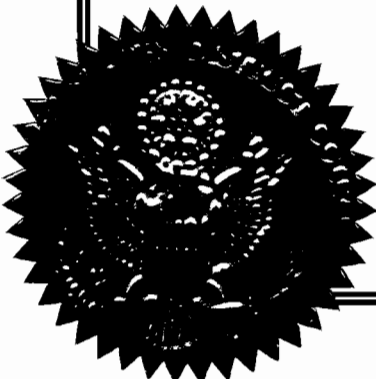
was, on the 5th day of August A.D. 1996 admitted to practice as an Attorney
at Law at the Bar of this Court, and is, according to the records of this Court, a
member of said Bar in good standing.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of said Court
in the City of Washington this 2nd day of May A.D. 2007.

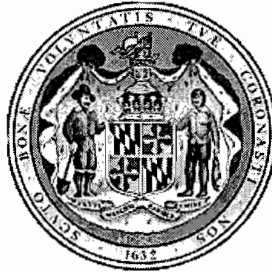
NANCY M. MAYER-WHITTINGTON, CLERK

By: _____

Deputy Clerk



**Court of Appeals
of Maryland
Annapolis, MD**



CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

STATE OF MARYLAND, ss:

*I, Alexander L. Cummings, Clerk of the Court of Appeals of Maryland,
do hereby certify that on the twenty-third day of December, 1987,*

Christine Marie Nicolaides

*having first taken and subscribed the oath prescribed by the Constitution and
Laws of this State, was admitted as an attorney of said Court, is now in good
standing, and as such is entitled to practice law in any of the Courts of said
State, subject to the Rules of Court.*

In Testimony Whereof, *I have hereunto
set my hand as Clerk, and affixed the Seal
of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, this
second day of May, 2007.*


Clerk of the Court of Appeals of Maryland

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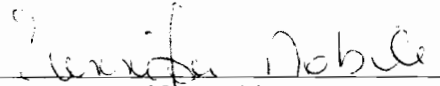
STATE OF NEW YORK)
 : ss.:
COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

Jennifer Nobile, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

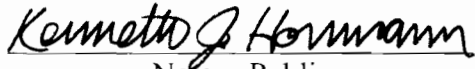
1. I am over 18 years of age, am employed by Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP and am not a party to this action.

2. On Friday, May 4, 2007, I served the **Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice**, dated April 26, 2007, **Declaration of Frederick A. Brodie in Support of Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice**, dated April 26, 2007, **Affidavit of Christine N. Kearns**, dated May 1, 2007, and **[Proposed] Order for Admission Pro Hac Vice** by delivering and leaving true copies thereof at the office of the below listed counsel:

Jay S. Berke, Esq.
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
4 Times Square
New York, New York 10036


Jennifer Nobile

Sworn to before me this
4th day of May, 2007


Notary Public

KENNETH J. HORRMANN
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of New York
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Commission Expires Aug. 1, 2009

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Upon the motion of Defendant Schroders plc and the sponsor attorney's declaration in support;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that

Christine N. Kearns
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is admitted to practice *pro hac vice* as counsel for Schroders plc in the above captioned case in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. All attorneys appearing

before this Court are subject to the Local Rules of this Court, including the Rules governing discipline of attorneys. If this action is assigned to the Electronic Case Filing (ECF) system, counsel shall immediately apply for an ECF password at nysd.uscourts.gov. Counsel shall forward the *pro hac vice* fee to the Clerk of Court.

Dated: New York, New York

_____, 2007

So Ordered: _____
Hon. Peter K. Leisure